



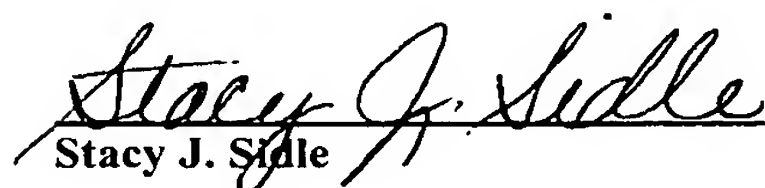
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Georges Marcel Victor Thielen )  
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT OF )  
RUBBER COMPOSITION COMPRISED )  
OF SILICA REINFORCEMENT AND )  
EMULSION POLYMERIZATION DERIVED )  
TERPOLYMER RUBBER OF DIENE/VINYL )  
AROMATIC COMPOUND WHICH )  
CONTAINS PENDANT HYDROXYL )  
GROUPS )  
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated October 5, 2006, it is requested that the Applicant's Prior Response (filed on June 16, 2006) be considered in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention.

In particular, the Applicant's Prior Response was submitted in answer to the Examiner's Final Rejection and contained amended claims, with corresponding arguments, which was intended to render the invention of the Applicant's claims exclusive of, and therefore not anticipated by, the cited Takagishi reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,111,045) in the sense of 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b).

Subsequently, the Examiner, by an Advisory Action (dated July 25, 2006), elected to